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At page 2, after line 9 which ends with, "always the case", please add the following new heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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Page 2, after line 19, which ends with, "to the invention", please add the following new title:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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Page 2, after line 24, which ends with "cross-section.", please add the following new title:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

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At page 3, at line 20, delete paragraph beginning with, "The ratio between" and replace with the following:

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The ratio between the cross-section D measured at the cross-section level within the tube having the smallest area and the tube inlet cross-section E as shown in FIG. 2 is greater than or equal to $1/5$, but preferably greater than $1/3$.

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At page 3, line 23, delete the paragraph beginning with, "The ratio between" and replace with the following:

The ratio between the cross-section De measured at the cross-section level within the tube having the smallest area and the outlet cross-section S as shown in FIG. 2 is greater than or equal to $1/5$.

At page 4, please replace the heading "CLAIMS:", with the following new heading:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: